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## **National Weather Service to Provide Upgraded River Forecast Services at Milledgeville, Georgia**

The National Weather Service Forecast Office and the Southeast River Forecast Center in Peachtree City, Georgia will be upgrading hydrologic services by adjusting flood stage levels on the [Oconee River at Milledgeville](#). The change will take effect on Tuesday, May 17. This location is a daily forecast point. The upgraded hydrologic services were a direct result of field surveys showing more meaningful and applicable warnings and forecasts for public safety could be provided using a **lower** flood stage. This will primarily pertain to the recently developed Oconee River Greenway Park with sidewalks and walking trails near the river.

The following critical threshold levels will be changed as follows:  
Oconee River at Milledgeville (MLGG1)

Bankfull/Action Stage	<b>20 feet</b>
Flood Stage/Minor Flood	<b>22 feet</b>
Moderate flood Stage	<b>32 feet</b>
Major Flood Stage	<b>38 feet</b>

“The lowering of the flood stage level at Milledgeville will provide enhanced flood warning services for recreational interests along the Oconee River,” said Keith Stellman, meteorologist-in-charge of the weather forecast office, which provides all weather services for 96 counties in north and central Georgia. The office collects meteorological data; prepares and disseminates weather forecasts, river and flood forecasts and warnings; and issues severe weather watches and warnings to the public.

“This upgraded forecast service at Milledgeville is invaluable,” said Reggina Cabrera, hydrologist-in-charge of the SERFC. “The lowered flood stage level will help us meet the National Weather Service mission of protecting life and property for the citizens in the Milledgeville area.”

The Southeast River Forecast Center (SERFC) prepares river stage forecasts for more than 260 locations along major rivers in the southeast portion of the United States. Covering approximately 270,000 square miles, the center’s area of responsibility includes north and central Georgia. These forecasts are then forwarded to National Weather Service forecast offices throughout its service area for dissemination to the public.

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